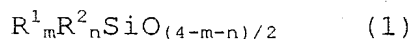


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides flame retardants which can provide high flame retardancy by means of silicon compounds.

5 A flame retardant comprising an aromatic group-containing organosiloxane compound

 wherein said compound has the following mean composition formula (1), does not flow at 23°C, flows at 200°C, does not gelate when heated at 200°C with stirring for 30 minutes, has
10 a number average molecular weight of not less than 2,000 and at the same time, dissolves not less than 100 g in 1 L of a solvent toluene at 23°C:



15 in the formula, R^1 represents a univalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R^2 represents a univalent aromatic hydrocarbon group containing 6 to 24 carbon atoms; R^1 and R^2 each may contain two or more species; and m and n are numbers satisfying $1.1 \leq m + n \leq 1.7$ and $0.4 \leq n/m \leq 2.5$.